AUSTRAL PACIFIC ENERGY LTD
Form 6-K
May 14, 2008

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRICATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a - 16 OR 15b - 16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of: May 2008

Commission File Number: 001-13803

AUSTRAL PACIFIC ENERGY LTD.

(Translation of registrant s name into English)

Level 3, 40 Johnston Street, Wellington 6145 New Zealand
(Address of Principal executive offices)

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SUBMITTED HEREWITH

Exhibits

99.1	Interim Financial Statements for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2008
99.2	Management Discussion and Analysis for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2008
99.3	Form 52-109F2 Certification of Interim Filings CEO
99.4	Form 52-109F2 Certification of Interim Filings CFO

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Austral Pacific Energy Ltd.
(Registrant)

Date: 13 May 2008

By: */s/ T Jewell*

(Signature)

Thompson Bruce Jewell

Title: CEO and President